

**OKLAHOMA UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2026, 6:00 P.M  
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
13925 STATE HIGHWAY 10  
SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, OK 74072**

Board President, Mark Huntington called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call of members were Clerk Witney Allen-present, Vice President KY Cole-absent, member Hannah Nolte-present, and President Mark Huntington-present. Others present were Superintendent Brenda Taylor, Minutes Clerk Lisa Harris and numerous patrons. (See attached sign in sheet)

Proposed executive session to interview candidates for vacant board seat #5. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and 70 O.S. Section 5-118.

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Allen to convene into executive session at 6:01 PM to interview candidates for vacant board seat #5. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and 70 O.S. Section 5-118.

Motion carried 3-0.

Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-Absent

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to return to the open session at 7:19 PM.

Motion carried 3-0.

Allen-yes, Cole-absent, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes

Executive session compliance announcement.

Board clerk Witney Allen announced that the board entered into executive session at 6:01 PM to interview candidates for vacant board seat #5. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and 70 O.S. Section 5-118. Those present in the executive session were Board President Mark Huntington, Clerk Witney Allen, Member Hannah Nolte, Applicants Hannah Bode, Jake Callahan, and Melissa Morris. The Oklahoma Union Board returned to open session at 7:19 PM.

No action was taken by the board of education.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to appoint Jake Callahan to vacant Board seat #5.

Motion carried 3-0.

Huntington-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-absent, Nolte-yes

The oath of office was administered to newly appointed board member, Jake Callahan.

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to approve the Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of the minutes or amend, if necessary, and approve the amended minutes of the April 8, 2026 regular board meeting.**
- b. Approval of the minutes or amend, if necessary, and approve the amended minutes of the April 22, 2026 Special Board Meeting.**
- c. General Fund Purchase orders #309-323 and payroll in the amount of \$64766.77.**
- d. General Fund encumbrances #1445-1615 in the amount of \$486,866.64.**
- e. Building Fund encumbrances #69-74 and payroll in the amount of \$4,801.61**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Cole-absent, Huntington-yes, Nolte-yes, Allen-yes, Callahan-yes**

**Hearing from the public:**

**None**

**Items for Board Action:**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Allen to approve the Junior Achievement contract for JA Biztown for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Callahan-yes, Nolte-yes, Allen-yes, Huntington-yes, Cole-absent**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Allen to approve the E-Rate contract with CRW Consulting for the ProgramYear 2027 (E-Rate Year 30).**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Allen-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Cole-absent, Nolte-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to approve the contracts with Sylogist for Software Service Agreements for the student information system and the appropriated funds for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Nolte-yes, Cole-absent, Huntington-yes, Allen-yes, Callahan-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Allen to approve the DOT drug testing contract and student drug testing contract with ADTI for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Nolte-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-absent**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to approve the OSSBA Employment Service Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Cole-absent, Allen-yes, Nolte-yes, Callahan-yes, Huntington-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to approve the OSSBA Membership, Superintendent Evaluation Tool and Policy Services for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Callahan-yes, Huntington-yes, Allen-yes, Nolte-yes, Cole-absent**

Proposed executive session to discuss the resignation of Janet Bernd, to discuss employment of a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, to discuss the employment of a HS science teacher, to discuss the employment of a MS science/STEM teacher; to discuss the employment of a social studies teacher; to discuss the employment of an administrative assistant; to discuss the employment of an activity fund custodian; to discuss the employment of a grounds worker; to discuss the employment of a Director of Operations and Maintenance; to discuss the employment of Brenda Taylor as the Federal Programs Coordinator; and to discuss the employment of the following listed employees for extra duty or support assignments; 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1)

Levi Robbins	Heidi Gillespie	Rylee Bernard
Eric George	Ashlyn Kile	Cassey Tignanelli
Sunny Smart	Ty Taylor	Sadie McKinney
Kaylea Miller	Blake Collier	Angie Thomas
Lisa Harris	Jeananne Garretson	Eric Bates
Angela Epperson	Sandra Hallett	Monica Richardson
Lachelle Eckhart	Carrie Sellars	Dusty Herrenbruck
Shawna Rogers	Valarie Collier	Chelsie Jackson
Linda Uselmann	Riley Duncan	Cassie Jones
Kirk Jackson	Logan Bernard	Megan Robbins
Brock Sellars	Masyn Duncan	Josh Middleton
Jason Kreider		

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Allen to convene into executive session at 7:35 PM.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Allen-yes, Nolte-yes, Cole-absent, Callahan-yes, Huntington-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to return to open session at 8:20 PM.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Huntington-yes, Cole-absent, Nolte-yes, Allen-yes, Callahan-yes**

**Executive session minutes compliance statement.**

**Board Clerk Witney Allen announced that the board entered into executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss the the resignation of Janet Bernd, to discuss employment of a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, to discuss the employment of a HS science teacher, to discuss the employment of a MS science/STEM teacher; to discuss the employment of a social studies teacher; to discuss the employment of an administrative assistant; to discuss the employment of an activity fund custodian; to discuss the**

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Those present in the executive session were Board President Mark Huntington, Vice President KY Cole, Clerk Witney Allen, Member Hannah Nolte, Member Jake Callahan, Superintendent Brenda Taylor, and FY 2027 Superintendent Alfred Gaches. The Oklahoma Union Board returned to open session at 8:20 PM.

No action was taken by the board of education.

Motion by Callahan, seconded by Nolte to accept the resignation of Janet Bernd.  
Motion carried 4-0.

Cole-absent, Nolte-yes, Allen-yes, Callahan-yes, Huntington-yes

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Madison Sublett as the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, on a temporary contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 4-0.

Nolte-yes, Cole-absent, Callahan-yes, Huntington-yes, Allen-yes

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Rachel Haddox as the HS science teacher on a temporary contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 4-0.

Callahan-yes, Cole-absent, Nolte-yes, Allen-yes, Huntington-yes

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Angela Campos as the MS Science/STEM teacher contingent on completion of her degree, on a temporary contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 4-0.

Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-absent, Nolte-yes

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Ashlyn Kile as the MS social studies teacher on a temporary contract for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Allen-yes, Huntington-yes, Cole-absent, Callahan-yes, Nolte-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Katie Houk as an administrative assistant on a support contract for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Cole-absent, Callahan-yes Nolte-yes, Allen-yes, Huntington-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Katie Houk as an activity accounts custodian on an extra duty contract for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Nolte-yes, Allen-yes, Callahan-yes, Cole-absent, Huntington-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Michael Jones as a grounds worker on a support contract for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Huntington-yes, Cole-absent, Allen-yes, Callahan-yes, Nolte-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Jerry Fox as the Director of Operations and Maintenance on a support contract for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Callahan-yes, Cole-absent, Allen-yes, Huntington-yes, Nolte-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ Brenda Taylor as the Federal Programs Coordinator on a support contract for the 2026-2027 school.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Cole-absent, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Callahan to employ the people as listed on the three page "ATTACHMENT D" on extra duty contracts for the 2026-2027 school year.**

**Motion carried 4-0.**

**Allen-yes, Cole-absent, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes**

**Superintendent's report to the board.**

#### **DISTRICT UPDATES/ NEWS**

- **Update on Pickleball project**
- **Update on Bond project - contacted Dewayne Hill regarding electric**
- **Graduation Friday, May 15 @ 7:30**  
**Meet back of stage at 7:15**

- The next board meeting - June 10 - will be able to have a better glance at fund balance for FY27. June 10 will be after the June / July payroll checks for our 10 month employees.
- Insurance has been submitted ahead of time to OSIG - but did not get the renewal policy back to me in time for this meeting.

**New Business:**

None

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Motion carried 4-0.

Nolte=yes, Cole-absent, Allen=yes, Callahan=yes, Huntington=yes